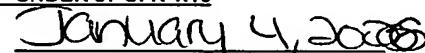


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This application is a National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/EP2004/008464. The deadline for filing this application is January 28, 2006 and this application is being filed on or before that date. As such, this application is being filed timely.

Enclosed please find this Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement, and a signed Declaration. Also enclosed are a Transmittal Sheet, an Application Data sheet, and a Submission of Sequence Listing Including Statement of Verification (with accompanying computer diskette).

Attached are Amendments to the Specification and Claims.